

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David McAnally W966

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared before me John Dodson one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid David McAnally of said County and State aged eighty-five years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, my first service was by draft but in what year I cannot now through age and infirmity Recollect but this I know it was to guard the British Prisoners taken at Saratoga under General Burgoyne when they were Barracked in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia my Captain was John Hickinbathum [John Higginbotham] I think our Colonel was by the name of Taylor [Francis Taylor], there I served one month as orderly Sergeant I was discharged I think by Colonel Taylor in the fall of 1780 I joined Captain John Morrison's Company of volunteers in Amherst County in the State of Virginia in order as I understood to go to North Carolina we marched through Albemarle & Louisa Counties and to the City of Richmond from Richmond we were marched to Petersburg & there we were attached to Colonel Mead's Regiment and was commanded by General Lawson [Robert Lawson] and after being in the service at this time three months I was discharged by General Lawson and returned home all which three months I served as orderly Sergeant. In the winter of 1781 I received an Ensign's commission from the Governor of Virginia some time in the spring of 1781 I received orders from Colonel John Pope (who was the Lieutenant Colonel of the Militia Regiment to which I belonged) to raise as many Volunteers as I could and meet him on a given day at a certain Point above Charlottesville in Albemarle County I did so from Charlottesville we marched across the Country under Colonel John Pope to one fork of the Rapidan River where and there Joined the main Virginia Army commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette, about this time we got news that General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] was on his march from the North at the head of about four thousand men to our assistance – We also got word about the same time that Cornwallis had commenced a retreat and as soon as General Wayne had joined us we commenced a pursuit – and pursued Cornwallis to near James River below the mouth of Fluvanna or North fork our Army was almost every day increasing by an addition of Militia we pursued on down to Richmond at or near Richmond the infantry was ordered to pursue on. I belonged to that Corps we pursued on to a place I think called Richmond called the four mile Run at which place we came in sight of the British and there was some guns fired by the advance guards of each party is a few days after we had some firing at each other at a place called the Burnt Chimneys where we had I think sixteen men killed and about thirty wounded we also took a quantity of cattle from the British at this time I was in Captain Barnett's Company we as the infantry was still ordered to hang on their rear and did so we pursued them to

near Williamsburg they had the British turned up on us and we had to retreat until we met a part of Wayne Command we still retreated until we arrived at a place called Grazers old fields where we met the main Army where we halted and were drawn up in order for battle the British appeared in sight and the two armies appeared in sight for several hours shortly after the British got into their vessels and went on down the River to a place called Jamestown and we were marched to Williamsburg sometime in the month of August I was taken sick between Williamsburg and Yorktown I got a permit from Captain Barnet in my sickness to return home I did so and before I joined the Army again Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken at Little York I was at this time about five months an Ensign in service I was another tour of duty by orders of my Captain in the summer of 1780 after deserters from the Army we crossed the Blue Ridge at the Rock fish gap and went up the Valley north of the Blue Ridge and to hands Meadows on New River then up New River and crossed the Blue Ridge and back the South side of Amherst County, and got the deserters we sought for and that he was in the service in all over nine months four months he states he was an Ensign and that he knows of no person now by which he can prove said service. He hereby Relinquishes Every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Ques. 1. Where and in what year were you born – I was Born in Albemarle but what is now Amherst County in the State of Virginia 5<sup>th</sup> of August (old state) 1748

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it. I have a record of my age now in my house. 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the Revolution war and where do you now live. I lived in Amherst County in the State of Virginia when I was called into the service in the year 1791 I moved into Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee then a territory in 1796 I moved into Grainger County in said state where I now live. How were you called into service were you drafted or a Volunteer the first tour I served for one month guarding the British Prisoners in Albemarle County near Charlottesville I was drafted all the rest of my services was that of a Volunteer: did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. I received a discharge for my first service guarding the Prisoners at Charlottesville I believe from Colonel Taylor. I also received one at Petersburg from General Lawson which both discharges I have long since lost. Did you ever receive a Commission if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it. I received an Ensign's commission from the Governor of Virginia in the winter of 1781 and served as an Ensign 5 months in the American Army but from my age and want of recollection I cannot now tell by whom it was signed. Name some of the field officers that you knew in the Army. I knew then Marquis Lafayette I knew General Lawson General Wayne, General Macklenburug [Peter Muhlenberg], Major Heifnay [?], Colonel Mead, Colonel Lynch, Colonel Toles, with many others.

When I lay at Petersburg in 1780 I sold General Green [Nathanael Greene] on his march to the Carolinas.

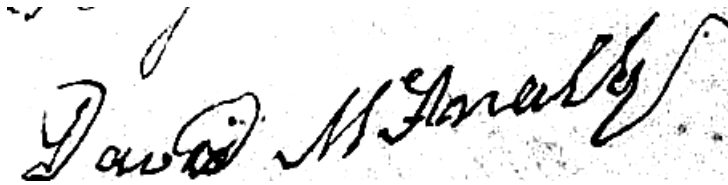
State the names of some persons in your present neighborhood to whom you are known and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

General John Cocke, Ryal Jennings, Colonel Thomas Whiteside, Colonel Warhan Easley, Doctor William E. Cocke, John Faris, John Ogan

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date first above written.

S/ John Dodson

S/ David McAnally

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David McAnally". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "D".

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, and Ryal Jennings gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On April 6, 1840 in Grainger County Tennessee, Nancy McAnally, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of David McAnally, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 18, 1790; that her husband died December 24, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: James K. McAnally authenticated the family record but his relationship to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[pp 4-5: family record:

"David McAnally Senior was born August the 5<sup>th</sup> 1748 and was married to Patsy Parnell the first day of March 1768 who was born the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1748 and departed this life the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1789 after bringing 9 children and left the youngest about 2 hours old and was married to Nancy Kyle the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1790 who was born in the March 15<sup>th</sup> 1765"

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 4 months and an Ensign for 5 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. In